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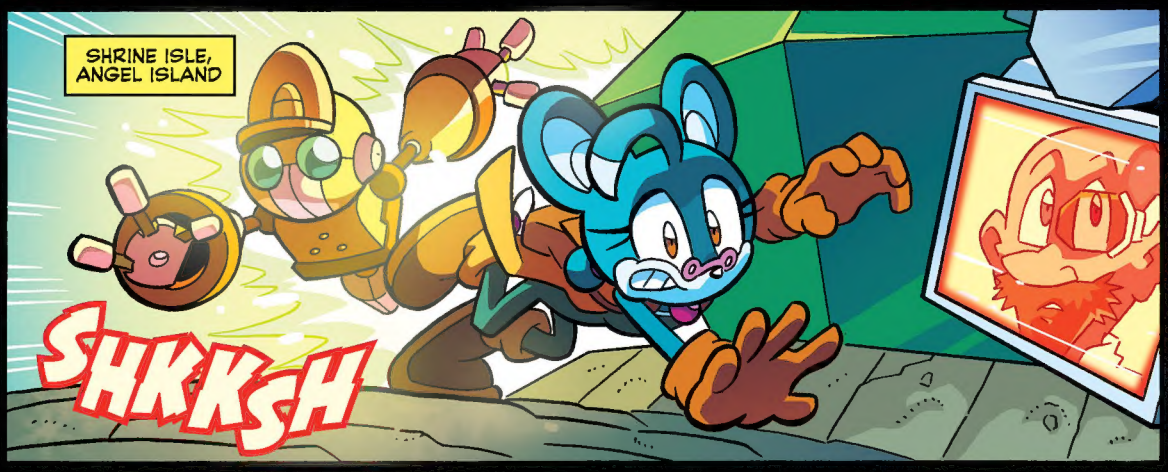

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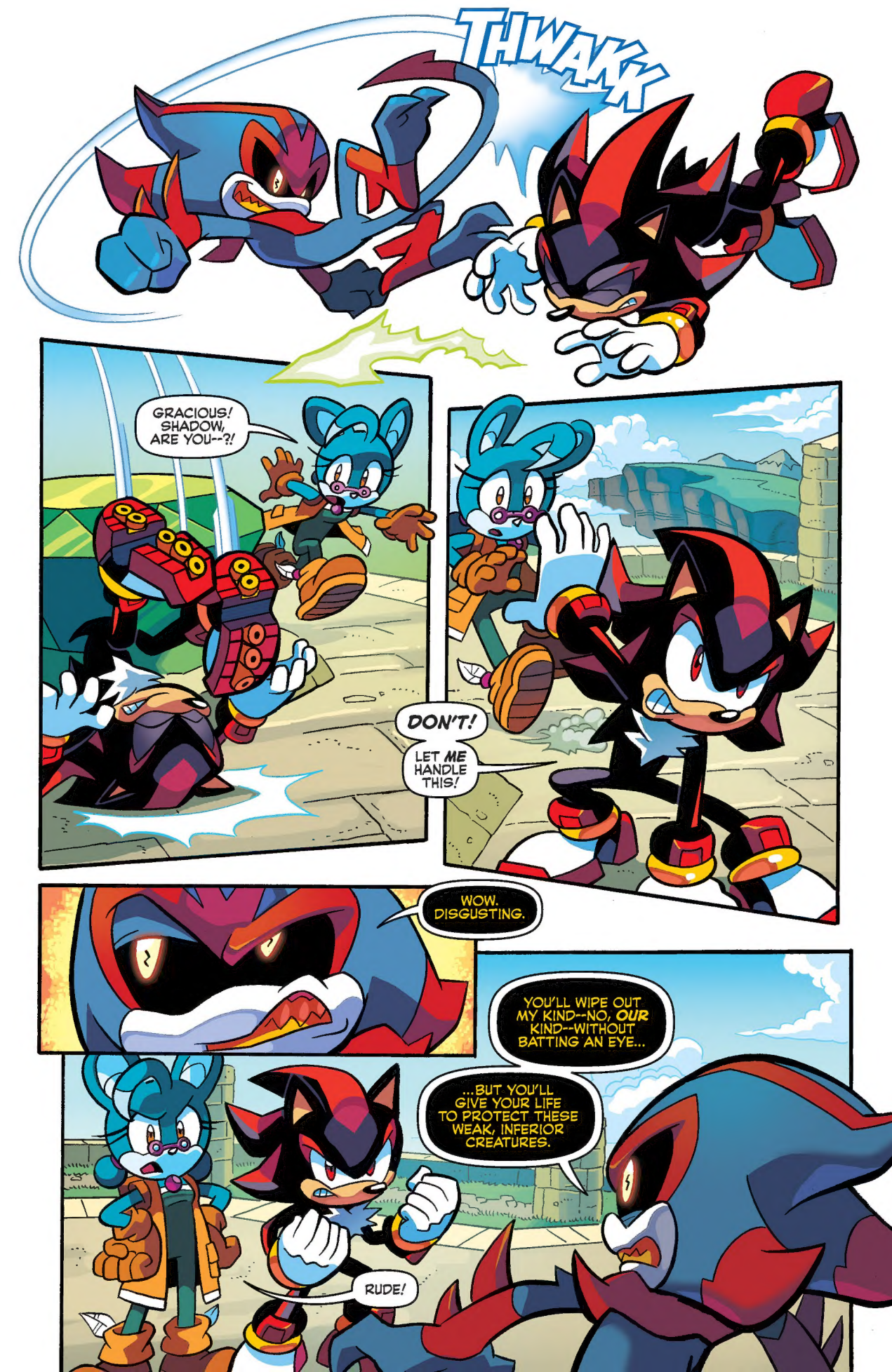
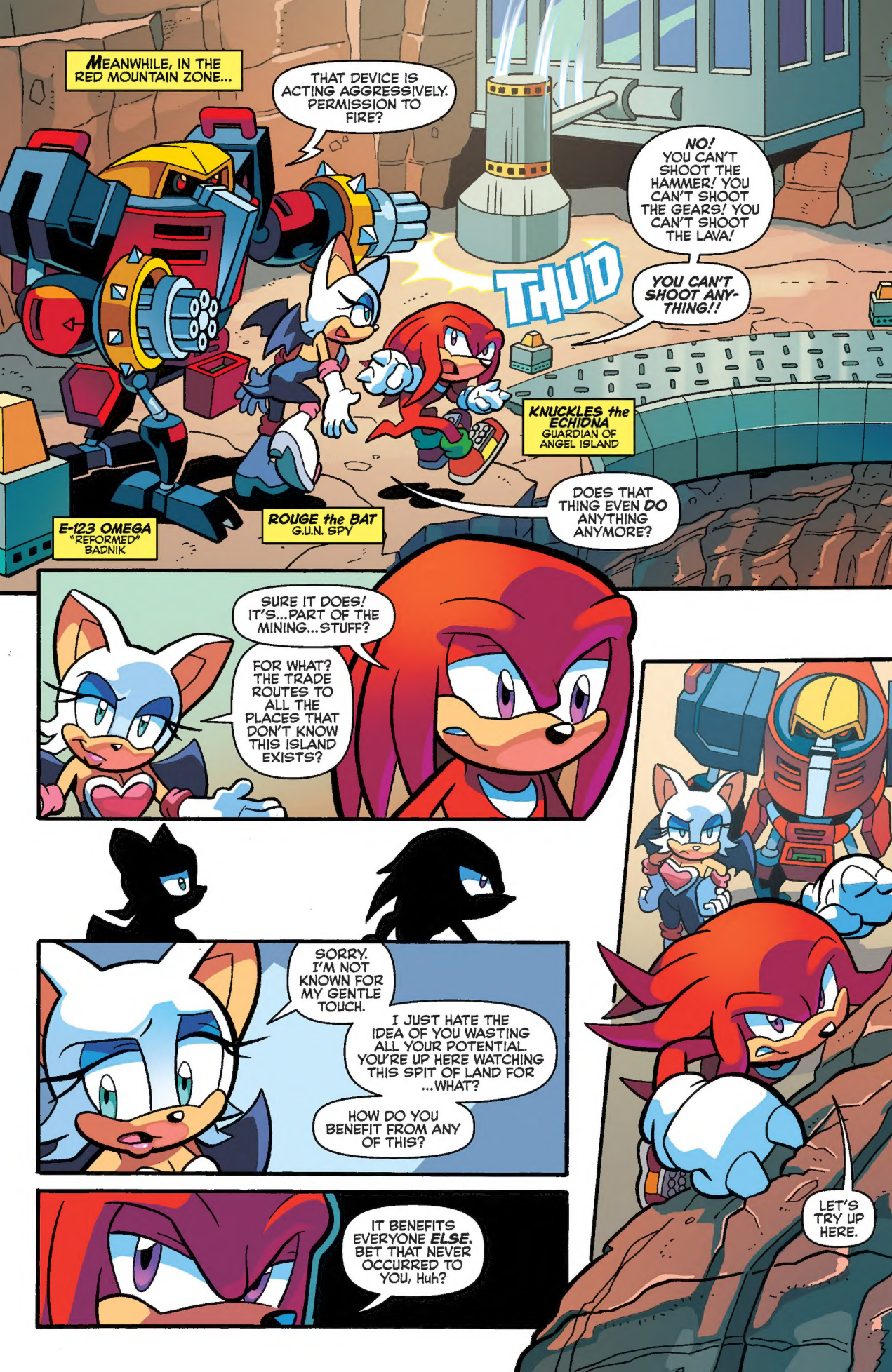
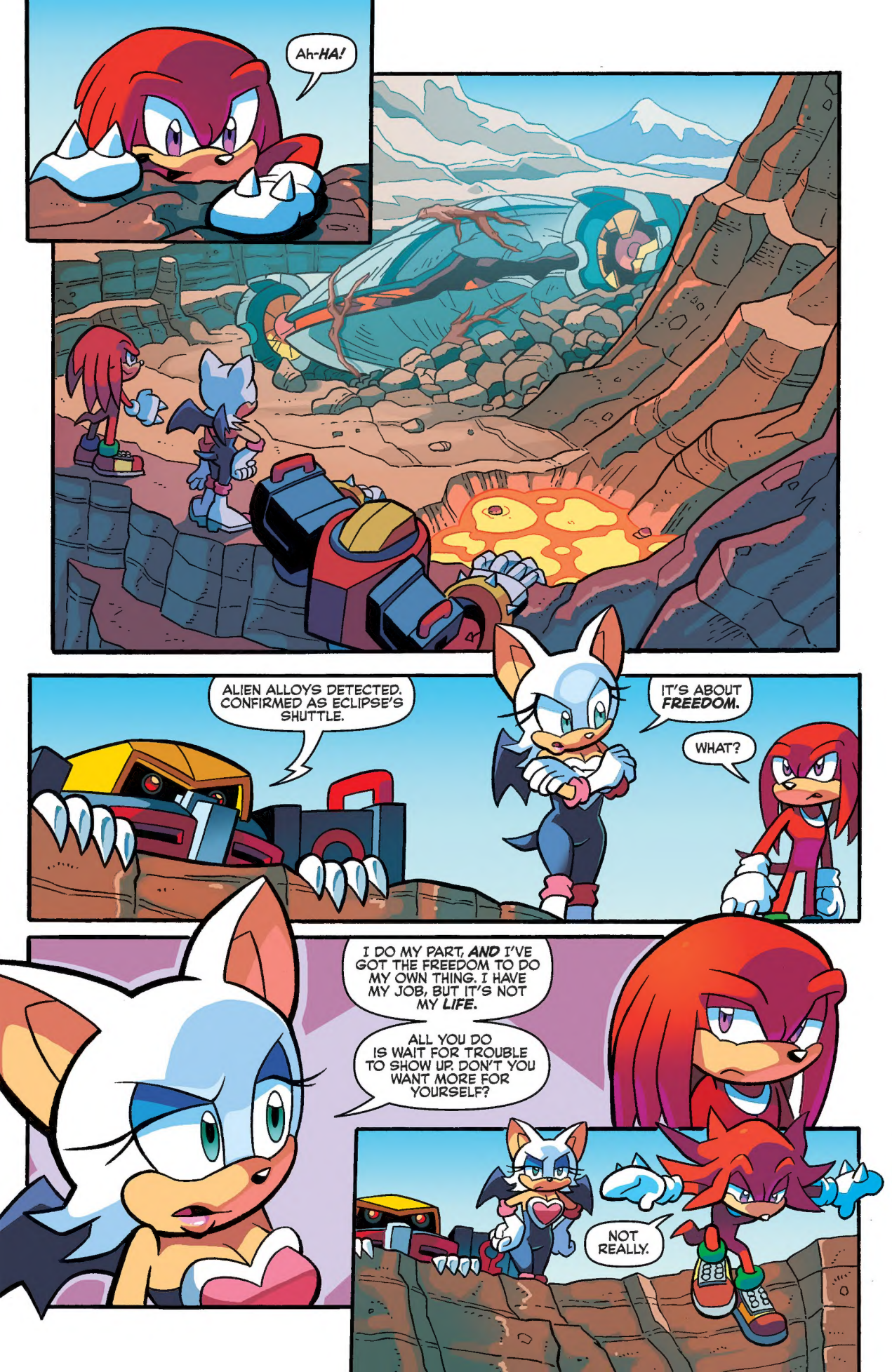
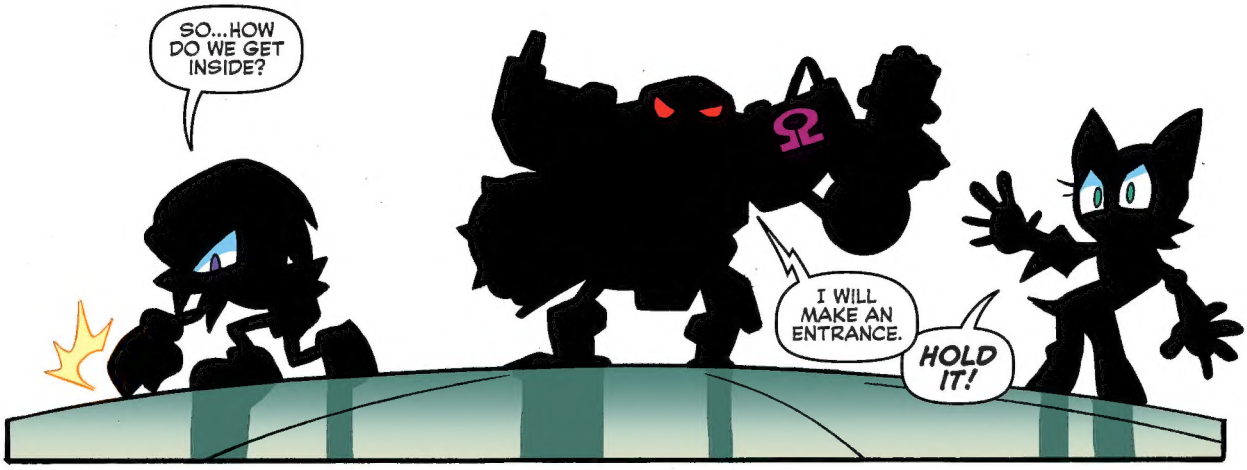
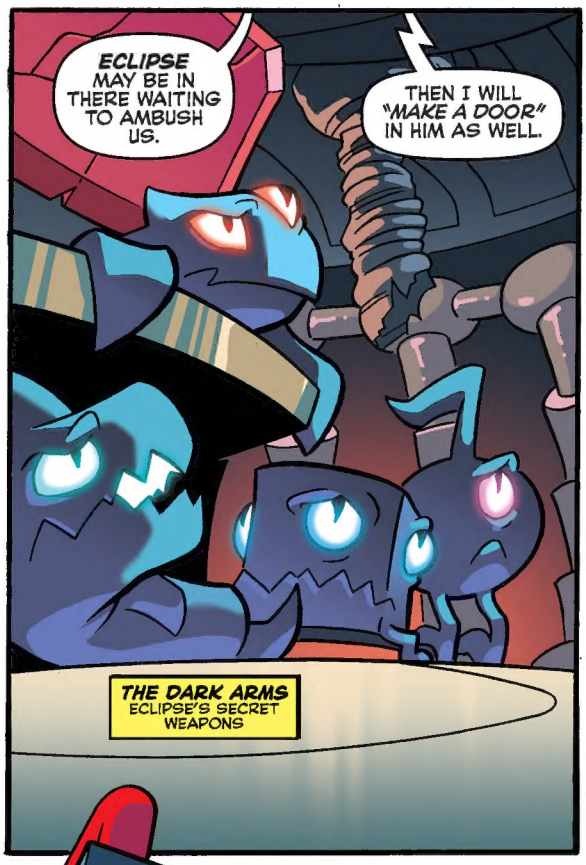

THWAKK
GRACIOUS! SHADOW, ARE YOU--?!
DON'T!
LET ME HANDLE THIS!
WOW. DISGUSTING.
YOU'LL WIPE OUT MY KIND--NO, OUR KIND--WITHOUT BATTING AN EYE...
...BUT YOU'LL GIVE YOUR LIFE TO PROTECT THESE WEAK, INFERIOR CREATURES.
RUDE!

I WAS MADE TO KILL YOU, SHADOW, AND YOU'VE GIVEN ME EVERY REASON TO WANT YOU DEAD.
BUT YOU ARE ALSO THE LAST THING I CAN CALL FAMILY. SO I'M GIVING YOU THIS ONE CHANCE...
...JOIN ME, BROTHER. LET'S HARVEST THE LIFE ON THIS WORLD, RESTART OUR KIND, AND LEAVE THIS BROKEN PLANET TO ROT.
I SWORE TO THE PROFESSOR I WOULD PROTECT THIS WORLD. I SWORE TO MARIA I WOULD GIVE THE PEOPLE A CHANCE TO BE HAPPY.* AND THAT MEANS ENDING YOU!
*SONIC ADVENTURE 2 AND SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG --THE GAMES
I TRIED TO BE REASONABLE...


MEANWHILE, IN THE RED MOUNTAIN ZONE...
THAT DEVICE IS ACTING AGGRESSIVELY. PERMISSION TO FIRE?
NO! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE HAMMER! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE GEARS! YOU CAN'T SHOOT THE LAVA!
THUD
YOU CAN'T SHOOT ANY-THING!!
KNUCKLES the ECHIDNA GUARDIAN OF ANGEL ISLAND
DOES THAT THING EVEN DO ANYTHING ANYMORE?
E-123 OMEGA "REFORMED" BADNIK
ROUGE the BAT G.U.N. SPY
SURE IT DOES! IT'S...PART OF THE MINING...STUFF?
FOR WHAT? THE TRADE ROUTES TO ALL THE PLACES THAT DON'T KNOW THIS ISLAND EXISTS?
SORRY. I'M NOT KNOWN FOR MY GENTLE TOUCH.
I JUST HATE THE IDEA OF YOU WASTING ALL YOUR POTENTIAL. YOU'RE UP HERE WATCHING THIS SPIT OF LAND FOR ...WHAT?
HOW DO YOU BENEFIT FROM ANY OF THIS?
IT BENEFITS EVERYONE ELSE. BET THAT NEVER OCCURRED TO YOU, Huh?
LET'S TRY UP HERE.


Ah-HA!
ALIEN ALLOYS DETECTED. CONFIRMED AS ECLIPSE'S SHUTTLE.
IT'S ABOUT FREEDOM.
WHAT?
I DO MY PART, AND I'VE GOT THE FREEDOM TO DO MY OWN THING. I HAVE MY JOB, BUT IT'S NOT MY LIFE.
ALL YOU DO IS WAIT FOR TROUBLE TO SHOW UP. DON'T YOU WANT MORE FOR YOURSELF?
NOT REALLY.


SO...HOW DO WE GET INSIDE?
I WILL MAKE AN ENTRANCE.
HOLD IT!


ECLIPSE MAY BE IN THERE WAITING TO AMBUSH US.
THEN I WILL "MAKE A DOOR" IN HIM AS WELL.
THE DARK ARMS
ECLIPSE'S SECRET WEAPONS

I'M WITH THE ROBOT FOR ONCE. HIT HIM FAST, HIT HARD!
FINE. WE'VE LOST THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE BY NOW.
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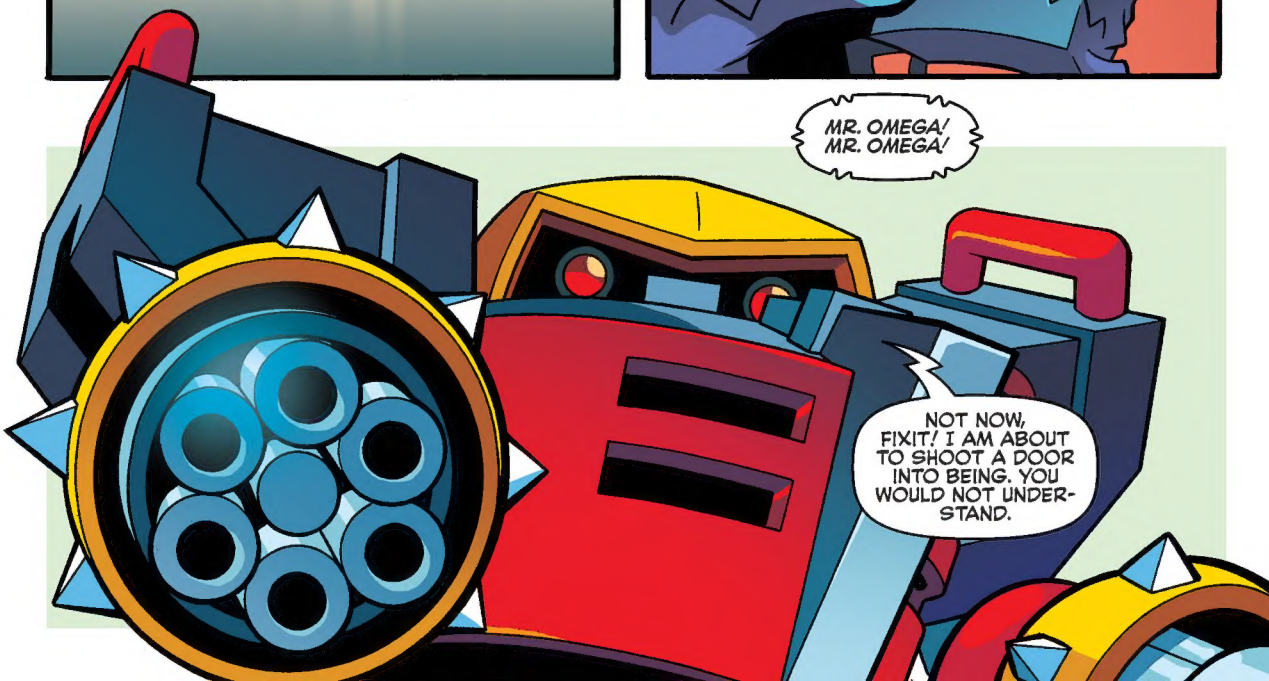
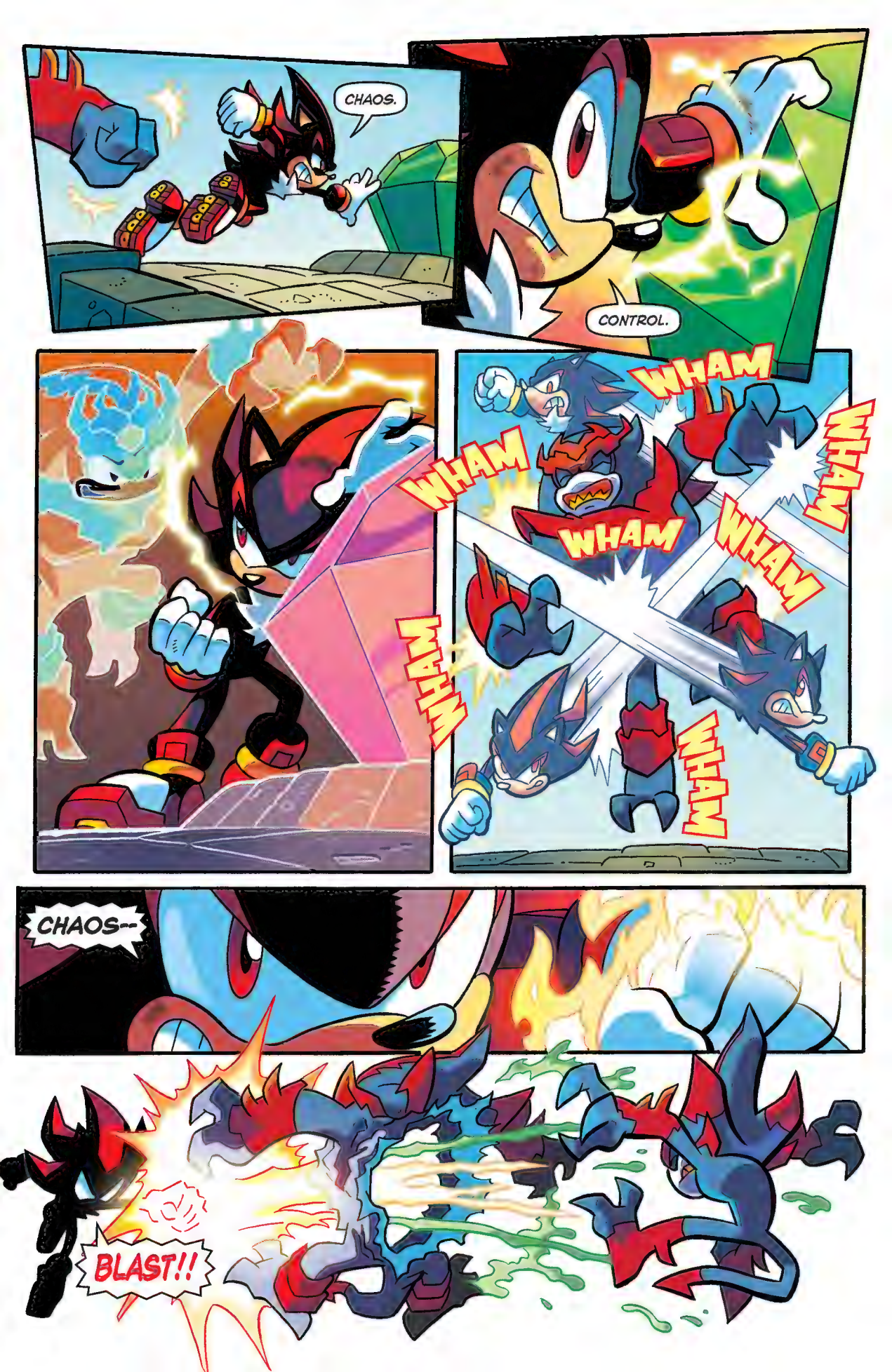

MR. OMEGA! MR. OMEGA!
NOT NOW, FIXIT! I AM ABOUT TO SHOOT A DOOR INTO BEING. YOU WOULD NOT UNDERSTAND.

...YOU ARE CORRECT IN THAT. BUT THE ECLIPSE-ALIEN IS FIGHTING SHADOW! IT IS MOST DREADFULLY SCARY!
ECLIPSE HAS ENGAGED SHADOW AT THE MASTER EMERALD SHRINE!
WHAT?!
I KNEW I SHOULD'VE STAYED!
I DON'T CARE HOW TOUGH YOU ARE, YOU CAN'T HANDLE ECLIPSE ALONE.
AND NEITHER CAN SHADOW.
WE'LL SEE. C'MON--
--IT'S A WHOLE LOT FASTER GOING DOWN!

SO MUCH FOR THE "ULTIMATE ALIEN"!
ROARGH!!
READY TO DIE, SHADOW?
OMEGA WARNED ME OF YOUR TRANSFORMATION. I'M NOT IMPRESSED.
POWER-UP: MONSTER FORM
WELL, ONE OF US IS. I WONDER...
CHAOS--
--CONTROL?!

WHOK
VREEEEEEE
WHUD
HA!
SO MUCH FOR THE "ULTIMATE LIFEFORM!"
WHAM

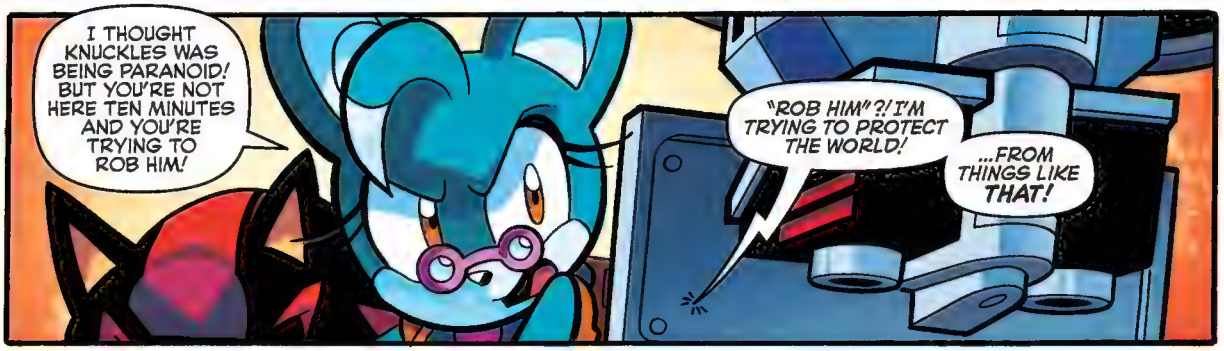
IT WASN'T THE NEW BLACK COMET BLOCKING YOUR ABILITIES, BROTHER. I WAS DESIGNED TO COUNTER YOU, REMEMBER?
I LIMIT YOUR MOVEMENT AND CLOUD YOUR MIND. THIS FORM GIVES ME TEN TIMES YOUR STRENGTH--
SWACKK
--WHICH MEANS YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD!
BOOM
THIS IS HOW IT SHOULD'VE BEEN BACK HOME! NO MERCY, JUST MASSACRE!
ANY LAST WORDS?


CHAOS.
CONTROL.
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
CHAOS--
BLAST!!

THUD
GRACIOUS! ARE YOU QUITE ALRIGHT?
SHADOW! REPORT!
EXCELLENT DISTANCE, SIR! I CANNOT SEE IT FROM HERE.
THAT...WAS THE FIRST TIME I'VE USED THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER. I WAS ABLE TO OVERWHELM HIS BLOCKING FIELD...
IT WAS... IMPRESSIVE.
CRACKLE
NOW... TO FINISH-- HRRGH!
HOLD ON THERE! WAIT FOR THE OTHERS TO GET HERE AND HELP!

THIS IS PRECISELY WHAT I FEARED! WE DON'T KNOW WHAT MORE ECLIPSE CAN DO!
WE MUST MOVE THE MASTER EMERALD TO A SECURE PLACE!
BUT, ECLIPSE...

I DON'T THINK HE'S MOVED FROM WHERE YOU PUNTED HIM, DEAR.
NOW, WHAT'S THIS ROT ABOUT TAKING THE EMERALD?!
ONE FUNCTIONALLY-EXTINCT RECLUSE AND AN ARCHAEOLOGIST DO NOT MAKE FOR A SOUND DEFENSIVE SYSTEM!


I THOUGHT KNUCKLES WAS BEING PARANOID! BUT YOU'RE NOT HERE TEN MINUTES AND YOU'RE TRYING TO ROB HIM!
"ROB HIM"?! I'M TRYING TO PROTECT THE WORLD!
...FROM THINGS LIKE THAT!

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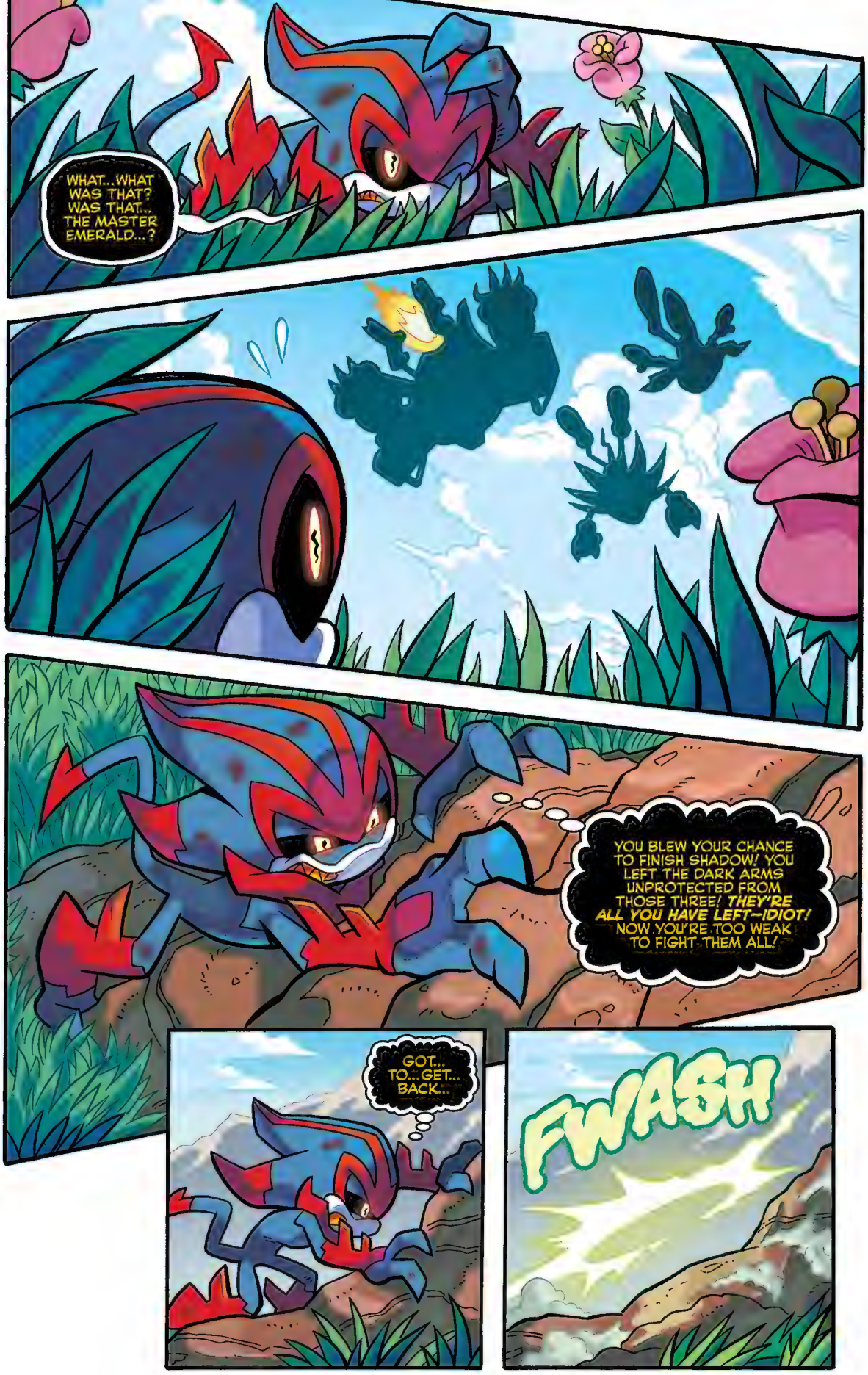
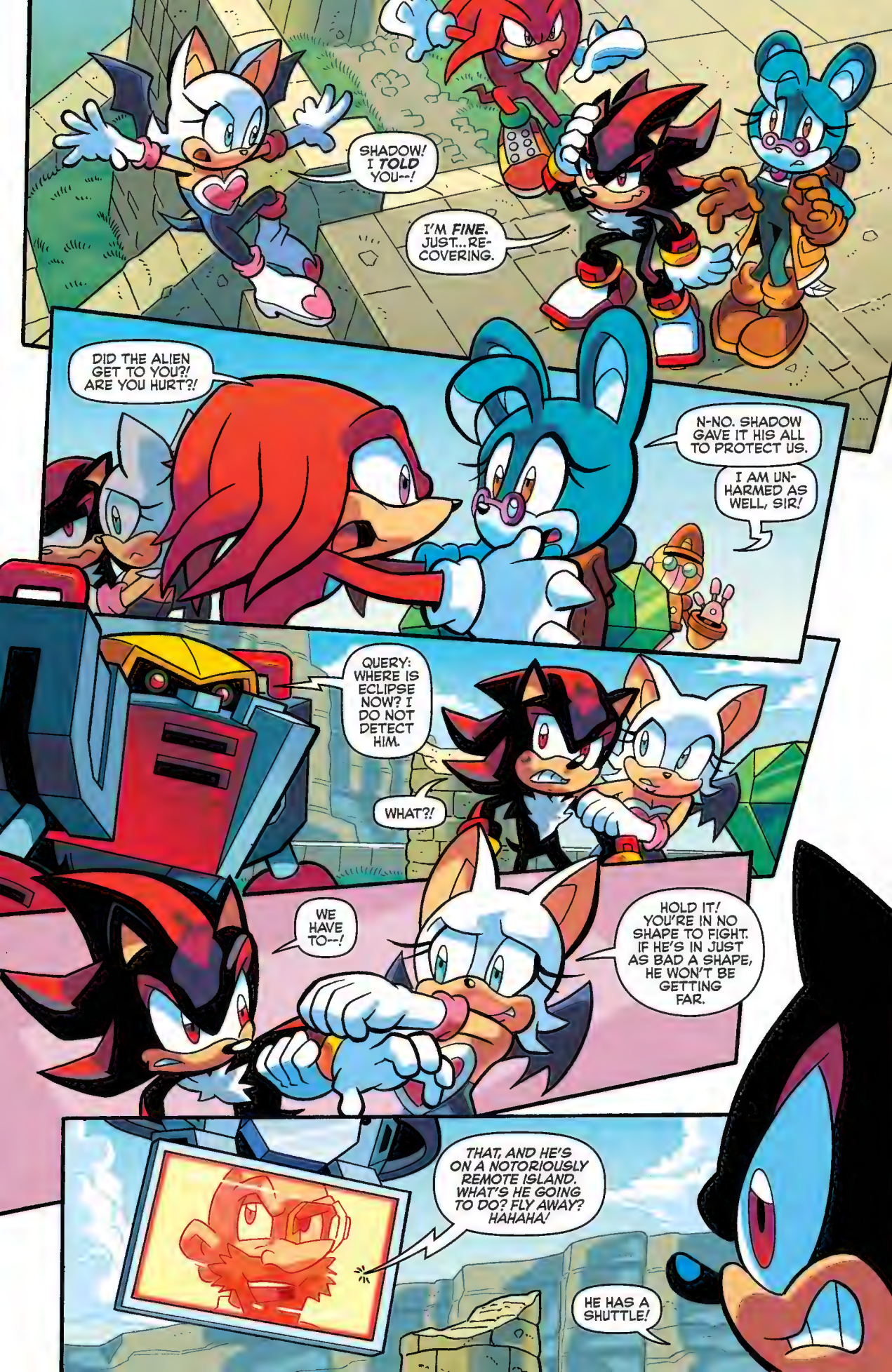
I ASSURE YOU, I HAVE EVERYONE'S BEST INTEREST AT HEART.


WHAT...WHAT WAS THAT? WAS THAT... THE MASTER EMERALD...?
YOU BLEW YOUR CHANCE TO FINISH SHADOW! YOU LEFT THE DARK ARMS UNPROTECTED FROM THOSE THREE! THEY'RE ALL YOU HAVE LEFT—IDIOT! NOW YOU'RE TOO WEAK TO FIGHT THEM ALL!
GOT... TO...GET... BACK...
FWASH


SHADOW! I TOLD YOU--!
I'M FINE. JUST...RE-COVERING.
DID THE ALIEN GET TO YOU?! ARE YOU HURT?!
N-NO. SHADOW GAVE IT HIS ALL TO PROTECT US.
I AM UN-HARMED AS WELL, SIR!
QUERY: WHERE IS ECLIPSE NOW? I DO NOT DETECT HIM.
WHAT?!
WE HAVE TO--!
HOLD IT! YOU'RE IN NO SHAPE TO FIGHT. IF HE'S IN JUST AS BAD A SHAPE, HE WON'T BE GETTING FAR.
THAT, AND HE'S ON A NOTORIOUSLY REMOTE ISLAND. WHAT'S HE GOING TO DO? FLY AWAY? HAHAHA!
HE HAS A SHUTTLE!

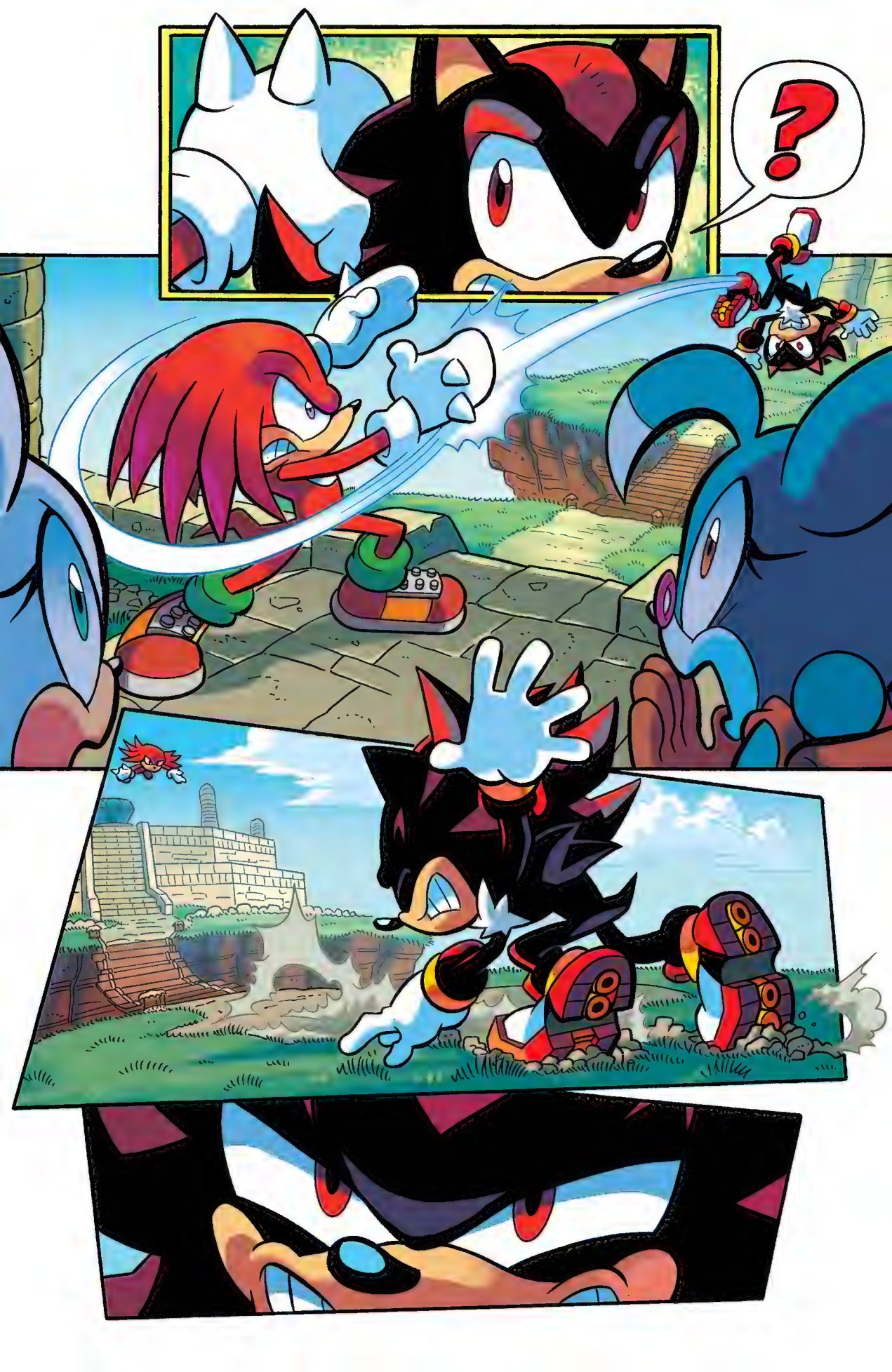
YEAH, WE FOUND IT. IT'S WRECKED. HE'S NOT GOING ANYWHERE.
Oh, THANK GOODNESS...

...OR, NO, WAIT, THAT MEANS WE'RE TRAPPED UP HERE WITH IT. BLAST!

...SO INSTEAD OF HUNTING HIM DOWN AND RISKING THE EMERALD...
FINALLY, HE SEES REASON!
SHADOW?

WE'RE MOVING THE MASTER EMERALD TO A SECURE G.U.N. FACILITY.

IF YOU THINK--!
EASY, KNUX! GIVE ME A SECOND!
AS MUCH AS I'D LOVE TO HAVE THAT GEM, THAT MEANS THE ISLAND WILL FALL--WITH KNUCKLES AND RELIC ON IT.
THE ISLAND WILL LIKELY FLOAT LIKE THE REST OF THE PLANET'S CRUST, AND WE'LL BRING THOSE TWO ALONG WITH US.
ONE ISLAND ISN'T AS IMPORTANT AS KEEPING THE MASTER EMERALD'S POWER FROM ECLIPSE.
YES! I COULDN'T HAVE PUT IT BETTER MYSELF!
I AGREE WITH SHADOW.
AM I ALLOWED A VOTE?
YOU CAN'T DO THIS! THERE ARE COUNTLESS WONDERS HERE! UNIQUE BIOLOGY--ARCHITECTURE --GEOGRAPHY!
SIMMER DOWN, HONEY. SHADOW'S RIGHT, AND YOU KNOW IT.
THIS IS NOT OPEN FOR DEBATE.
ROUGE, GET THEM TO OUR AIRCRAFT. I WILL USE CHAOS CONTROL TO MOVE THE MASTER EMERALD DIRECTLY TO--



THE MASTER EMERALD STAYS!
YOU GO!
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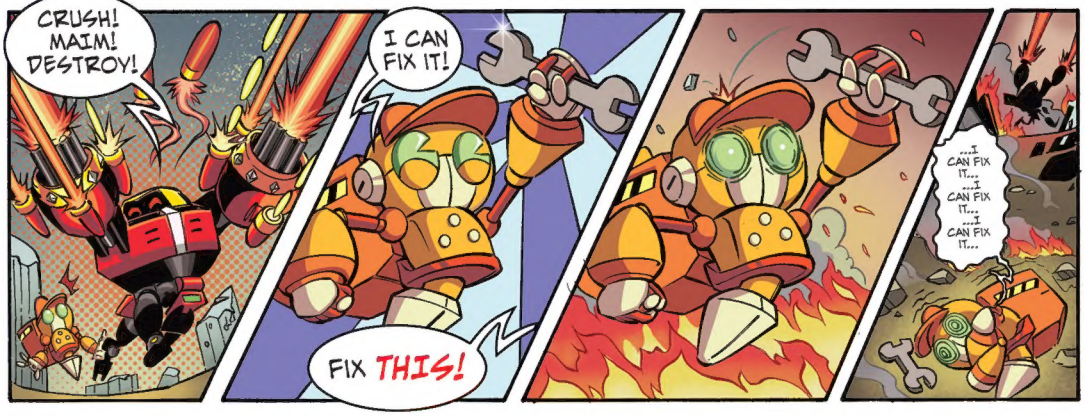

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Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
This is my first time writing in!

Welcome to the letters page!

Shadow is my favorite! I'm glad to see he has gotten his own arc!

There ya go, Shadow! That ought to cheer you up from last month!

Finally some recognition! You have my thanks.

Can I be Shadow's 1.2 fan?

Of course you can!

I have a few questions if you don't mind.

Thou shall haveth the usual!

1. Is Shadow really part alien?

It's true! Shadow was mainly created by Dr. Eggman's grandfather, Prof. Gerald Robotnik, but the leader of the Black Arms, Black Doom, also contributed to Shadow's creation. For the full scoop check out the "Sonic Adventure 2" and "Shadow the Hedgehog" video games!

2. When did Shadow first show up in Sonic Universe?

Shadow's first Sonic Universe appearance was in Sonic Universe #1, available now for digital download!

3. Has Shadow ever seen Espio before?

Shadow has crossed paths with Espio in both the "Sonic Heroes" and "Shadow the Hedgehog" video games!

Well, that's all for now! Gotta juice!

PS: Tell Tracy Yardley and Steve Downer they rock!

Braedon O. from Georgia

Thanks for the letter, Braedon! I will pass on the good word!

Dear 'My Sonic Universe,'
Hi. I have some questions to ask.

The usual... FOR YOU!

How do the animals and humans interact in the Sonic world?

For the most part the animals and humans get along fine in Sonic's world. For example, Shadow's Team Dark cooperates with the G.U.N. forces to protect the world. On the other hand there is Dr. Eggman who would like nothing more than to turn every living being into his robotic slave. You know how it is.

Will we be seeing Silver anymore? And plus, how is Silver's world? Better or bad again?

We'll check in with Silver soon! Hang tight!

When will we be seeing anymore chaos control powers from Shadow? I haven't seen a lot of that recently.

He displayed his powers this very issue! Hope you enjoyed it!

I really like the Off Panel in issue SU #66.

We're still fixing things! Mighty really did a number on our building!

Stay awesome!

Chris V. sent to Sonic@ArchieComics.com

Thanks for writing to us, Chris!

See y'all next month for Knuckles and Shadow's epic brawl for the Master Emerald in "Total Eclipse" part three!

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